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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-29 without prejudice, and add the following new Claims 30-44.

30. (New) A method of detecting defects on workpieces comprising the steps of illuminating the workpiece by at least two light sources from different directions, recording by means of a camera the illuminated workpiece and the shadows resulting from the illumination, and processing the recorded data in a computer.

31. (New) The method of Claim 30, wherein the camera is arranged at a fixed location.

32. (New) The method of Claim 30, wherein the camera includes a lens and wherein the camera is encased at least in the region of the lens.

33. (New) The method of Claim 30, wherein the processing step includes exchanging signals between the computer and a stored program control.

34. (New) The method of Claim 30, wherein the recorded